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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 31, 2007, the Examiner noted that claims 2-7, 9, 10 and 12-18 were pending, allowed claims 7, 9, 13 and 14 and rejected claims 2-6, 12, and 15-18. Claims 2-6, 8, 10-12 and 15-18 have been canceled, and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 7, 9, 13 and 14 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's [rejections and objections] are traversed below.

It is submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

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